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June 16, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
Interim Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT LETTER OF AGREEMENT NUMBER 73693 FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on July 28, 2015, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$500,000 per grant award per budget period or annual term, that are in furtherance of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) mission, subject to: provision of an Anticipated Grant Award memo to your Board a minimum of two weeks prior to notification that the grant is being accepted; review and approval as to form by County Counsel; review by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed; and notification to your Board and the CEO.

Under this authority, I will accept Letter of Agreement (LOA) Number 73693, issued by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on May 25, 2016, in the amount of \$249,550 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. As outlined in the attached Anticipated Grant Award memo sent to your Board on April 20, 2016, these funds will allow DPH to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Housing for Health (HFH) Initiative. HFH was created in 2012 by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to address homelessness and associated health costs, and improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations. It uses a permanent supportive housing model, which includes affordable housing, rental subsidies, and support services for tenants. The study will examine the impact of HFH across multiple areas, including public health, mental health, social services, and criminal justice. The funds will allow DPH to support study costs including, but not limited to, personnel, analytical software, survey services, and media expenses.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the LOA as to use and this delegated authority action.

Each Supervisor
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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April 20, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
Interim Director

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT AN ANTICIPATED GRANT AWARD

This is to provide your Board with information regarding an anticipated award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Department of Public Health (DPH) in the amount of \$248,513 to support Housing for Health: Assessing the Cross-Sector Impacts of Providing Permanent Supportive Housing to Homeless High Utilizers of Health Care Services for the period of June 15, 2016 through June 15, 2018.

The anticipated award will fund a study on the effectiveness of Housing for Health (HFH). HFH is a Department of Health Services (DHS) initiative created to address homelessness and associated health costs and outcomes. HFH uses a permanent supportive housing model, which includes affordable housing, rental subsidies, and support services for tenants. The study will examine HFH's permanent supportive housing model and its impact on health outcomes and health care utilization. In addition, the study will examine the impact of HFH across multiple areas, including public health, mental health, social services, and criminal justice. Key stakeholders, including DHS, the Community Development Commission, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, will be apprised of the research activities, as well as the findings and recommendations of the study. The results of the study will also be published in a report, a policy brief, and manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals. These anticipated funds will enable DPH to support grant activities including personnel, analytical software, survey services, and media expenses for the study.

If funding is awarded, I will notify your Board that I am exercising the delegated authority approved on July 28, 2015, to accept grants and awards in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per grant award, budget period, or annual term.

Attachment A is the Notification of Anticipated Grant Award Summary, which provides additional information about the grant award.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

CAH: bl

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health
Notification of Grant & Award Acceptance Summary

ATTACHMENT A

OVERVIEW

Program Name:	Office of Health Assessment & Epidemiology
Funding Agency Name:	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Funding Source Type:	Foundational
Project Name:	Housing for Health: Assessing the Cross-Sector Impacts
Funding Opportunity Number:	42171
Is this an amendment to a grant/award?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," what type of amendment?	

Project Description:

The project will study Housing for Health (HFH), which is a Department of Health Services (DHS) initiative with the goal of ending homelessness, reducing inappropriate use of expensive health care resources, and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations. The study examines the permanent supportive housing (PSH) model used by HFH, which involves affordable housing, securing rental subsidies for tenants, and providing supportive services. The impact of HFH on the utilization of health services as well as cross sector impacts, including public health, mental health, social services, and criminal justice.

This project involves a collaboration between the Department of Public Health (DPH), DHS, and Chief Executive Office. In order to study the outcomes of the PSH model as well as the causal mechanisms, a mixed methods approach will be used, which will include focus groups, key informant interviews, surveys, and analysis of administrative databases. Data from administrative databases will be used to evaluate the impact of HFH on DHS, DPH, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Sheriffs, and Probation. Thus, the impact of HFH's PSH will not only be examined for DHS, but also other County departments. The study will compare HFH's PSH model with other PSH models and analyze different policy scenarios. This will help inform decision makers on developing effective policy frameworks.

DATES

Grant/Award Acceptance Deadline:	April 2016
Grant/Award Term:	2 years
Grant/Award Start Date:	June 15, 2016
Grant/Award End Date:	June 15, 2018

BUDGET

Grant/Award Funding Amount:	\$248,513
Monetary Matching Requirements:	0
In-Kind Costs:	\$145,500
Total Funding for Grant/Award Project:	\$394,013

SIGNATURE

Cynthia A. Harding, MPH

Interim Director

Cynthia A. Harding
Signature

Date